



## Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco

March 20, 1940 - January 21, 2019

Romolo E. Capobianco  
"Tomato Man"

BILLERICA-- 29 Andover Road, an iconic house just outside of historic Billerica Center, is where Romey Capobianco called home for 53 years. This is where he raised his three daughters and where his love of large machines, motorcycles and farming was evident to all who drove by. In later years it was where residents of Billerica, and many surrounding towns, stopped to buy the most delicious, juiciest tomatoes, earning him the nickname, "Tomato Man". Romolo E. Capobianco was the youngest child born to Ralph and Antoinette (Chicariello) on March 20, 1940. From the start, Romey was full of spunk and made a name for himself in every situation he encountered. He was educated in Billerica schools and was a graduate of the Billerica Memorial High School class of 1958. It was there he met Fay "Sissy" Forsley and the two were married shortly after. They raised three daughters, Maria, Elena, and Gina. Romey loved his daughters and loved raising his children in Billerica. He thought the world of Maria's husband Jerry Kennedy and Gina's husband Scott Leger. Romey enjoyed his role of grandfather to Eleshia, Phillip, Julia, and Sarah and delighted in their accomplishments. Romey was a true outdoorsman, an ardent hunter and fisherman, specifically ice and deep sea. From a young age he loved riding and racing motorcycles, especially Harleys, and also had a passion for race cars. It is no surprise that Romey's chosen

professions would be as a developer, home builder, and roofer, which would allow him to be outside daily. He loved spending time by the ocean and at lakes, in particular, Lake Winnepesaukee. Seafood was his favorite meal and he enjoyed seafood dinners in Boston. Romey was devoted to his Catholic religion and proud of his Italian heritage. He was a member of the Sons of Italy in Billerica. As a lifelong resident of the town he was so fond of, he gave back to the community by serving on the Housing Authority Board, the Compost and Recycling Board and as a Town Meeting Member. Romey will be missed dearly by the Town of Billerica as will his Price Farm tomatoes! In addition to his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren, he is survived by his brothers, Ralph Capobianco and his wife Barbara, and John Capobianco and his wife, Gay, and his sister-in-law Peggy Capobianco. Romey was also the brother of the late Carl Capobianco and the late Anna Tucci and her late husband Bobby. Romey is survived by his dear friend, Eva Marshall. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and many members of the Forsley and Lorden families.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

CAPOBIANCO—In Billerica, January 21, 2019 at his home, Romolo “Romey” Capobianco, 78, a well-known Billerica resident. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on SUNDAY from 1 until 5 PM, with his Funeral Service being held at 4 PM in the Funeral Home.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

**A Private Burial Will Take Place With The Family**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
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### Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Romey's passing. Romey and his family are in our prayers and thoughts Respectfully, Ed and Susan Martin*

**Ed Martin** - February 07, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Dearest Romey....I hope the angels in heaven are making sandcastles for you just as I used to do when you were so young. You and I on the bank of the river so full of leeches that covered Johnny and Ralphies bodies when they came out of the water!! But no leeches on us, we were too busy making the sandcastles that became such a wonderful memory for you throughout all the years of your life. You never forgot them and up to the very last called me your sandcastle girl whenever we were together and on every card you ever sent me. Who knows, maybe some day we will be together again having fun making sandcastles... unless you are too busy planting tomatoes with your dad! May perpetual light always shine upon you and eternal rest be granted to you through Christ our Lord, Amen. Rest in peace*

*Annamarie Capobianco Cumming*

**Annamarie Cumming** - January 28, 2019 at 11:04 PM

CB

“ I drove for Romey on Saturdays back in the early 80’s. A great guy to work for and always a smile on his face. I really enjoyed driving those two old Macks. I’m so sorry for your loss.

Chris Bernard - January 27, 2019 at 06:09 AM

TM

“ I offer my deepest sympathy to Sissy and the family. I have had the great pleasure of knowing Rome for 70 years. We both grew up on chicken farms and our fathers met often as poultry men. Rome and I would always enjoy discussing those early days. He was always ready to talk cars, motorcycles, gardening and good Italian food, ready and willing to share his bottle of red wine with a good friend. Rome and I had the pleasure of being the designated Sons of Italy Banner carriers in Billerica parades for many years as well as good "Bocce Buddies" He will surely be missed by many.

Tony Marmiani - January 26, 2019 at 07:06 PM

RM

“ Reeny Higgins McKenney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco



Reeny Higgins McKenney - January 26, 2019 at 07:05 PM

SC

“ Our Condolences To The Capobianco Family ,  
We are So Saddened to hear of his Tragic  
Loss.Romey Was A Special down To Earth  
Guy.I Hold onto Many Memories As We Grew  
up In A Neighbor Hood Where Everyone knew  
Everyone.We Would all meet At My House  
(BiG Daddy's ) & ( Red ) Scheffer Brother's. In front of Our Home  
We Had Motorcycles parked all along The Front From one corner To  
The other corner To The Gallet's home.I Cherish Those Days and  
Those Guys just Great Times,Laughing ,Drinking and sharing  
stories.Many Times Romey Stopped by The House He was Driving  
his 1942 Coupe With his Name on The side Capobianco,always  
Remembered that car was Sweet,always Great Conversation with  
Romey. " Pete's Diner "The Good OLE Days With The Good OLE  
Boys,When it came To Romey Gardening have To Say He Followed  
His "Dad ( Ralph ) I also Have Fond Memories of Ralph always  
Tending To His Garden and Riding his Tractor up to My House  
Waving Hello and back down The Street Ralph would be Driving  
The Tractor back Home.I Truly Believe Romey inherited his Dads  
Green Thumb and His Passion of Gardening From his Dad.So  
Many Memories,Never easy To Say Good Bye.May Romey Rest IN  
Peace.and The Next Rain We Get I'LL Be Thinking of  
Romey,Watering his Garden from The Heavens.Our Deepest  
Fondest Memories,Will Never Be Forgotten.  
Sincerely , Fred ( BIG Daddy ) wife Heather , Johnny ( Red ) wife  
Nancy  
The Scheffer Family



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Scheffer's - January 26, 2019 at 01:02 AM

DO

“ Romie you were the kindest gentleman we had so many fun times at St Theresa’s church parties socials dances you brighten our times together may you Rest In Peace in paradise



Debbie O’Neill - January 25, 2019 at 07:03 PM

AB

“ Ann Brennan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco



Ann Brennan - January 25, 2019 at 05:47 PM

GF

“ Gretchen Forsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco



Gretchen Forsley - January 25, 2019 at 04:52 PM

DD

“ Rome was a special person and friend and will be remembered with lots of fond memories meeting life challenges which he did with dignity and respect A tragic loss of a great man. He will be missed but not forgotten Phyllis and Donald Mac Donald



Donald Mac Donald - January 25, 2019 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ Romey was Romey. I remember our fishing trips together and later in years when we sold our farm, he would call , "John come see my tomatoes and pick some, and maybe pull a few of weeds!" To all of those who have express their thoughts and prayers, we say thank you. This was a tragic loss to all. With our deepest sorry and sadness to Romey's family from my family. Our love, Gay and John



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**John Capobianco** - January 25, 2019 at 11:49 AM

AG

“ 2 files added to the album Romolo



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**Anthony Gozzo** - January 25, 2019 at 09:29 AM

ER

“ Erin & Sean Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo "Romey" Capobianco



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**Erin & Sean Rourke** - January 24, 2019 at 07:37 PM

GS

*Rome was a big part of our family-from many deep-sea fishing trips on the party boats on Plum Island and Seabrook NH . There were many political campaigns fighting to preserve the character and finances of Billerica. Seeing Rome working on the farm every day made me feel comfortable and at home here in Billerica. Rome loved classical music and came to many wind band concerts at U Lowell. My son worked on the farm with Rome for a few years and learned a lot from an experienced farmer and true Yankee. I hope we can some how preserve the big piece of open space behind his home -he fought for that land for decades- Romies Woods sounds good to me-*

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**george simolaris** - January 27, 2019 at 10:53 AM